

Redwood Valley County Water District
Action plan to reduce diversions from Lake Mendocino by 50%
April 2009

Redwood passed a combined water shortage and water waste prohibition ordinance July 2007.

Redwood declared a water shortage emergency December 2007 and enacted stage 1 of its ordinance.

Stage 1 is voluntary and asks for an unspecified amount of conservation along with eliminating waste. Redwood's customers achieved an average of 25% reduction during 2008.

On April 16, 2009, Redwood's Board of Directors will meet and enact a more severe stage of its ordinance. The least restrictive stage under consideration is Tier 4 (of a total of 6 Tiers).

Tier 4 requires continued compliance with the restrictions and requirements of previous tiers including penalties for wasteful and non-essential water usage. In addition, Tier 4 requires a mandatory 50% reduction based on average water use for the previous five years, but to no less than 100 gallons per day per residence.

The Redwood Board will also consider termination of all irrigation water deliveries.

It is expected that Tier 4 conservation levels and termination of irrigation water deliveries will be approved April 16, 2009. Redwood's ordinance requires that in such an instance customers be notified by mail. This mailing will be sent out within one week of approval of the increased conservation level with implementation to occur no later than May 15, 2009.

Redwood will comply with all reporting requests by the Sonoma County Water Agency.